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28 August 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR : Acting Chief, Operations Division, OSA
Chief, Technical Analysis and Evaluation Staff, OSA

SUBJECT : Anomalous Recovery Study Program 622A

REFERENCE : a. LAC Study, dated 21 June 1962; Subject: Program
622A--Anomalous Recovery Study [redacted]

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c. [redacted] dated 22 August 1962
d. [redacted] dated 22 August 1962
e. [redacted] dated 25 August 1962

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1. Reference a. arrived in CIA nearly coincident with the receipt of References c. and d. sent by NRO in the first instance to DD/R and in the second instance to Greer, calling for action on the part of SSD for remedial fixes based upon the content of the subject study. This caused no little embarrassment in the DD/R's mind because it is my understanding that it was he who had requested Lockheed to perform this study on systems vulnerability for CORONA during a meeting on the West Coast late last spring.

2. It appears that Lockheed had complied with his request and had submitted the study to DNRO via SSD, and based upon the conclusions within the paper, Colonel Martin undertook to upgrade it to Top Secret. Despite attempts to trace the physical location of the study by Dr. Scoville, no results were obtained until last Thursday when it came to light in his office. It is obvious, therefore, that the substantive decisions covered in the original [redacted] message of 22 August were arrived at by DNRO and his staff without reference to Dr. Scoville.

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3. The DD/R has requested that we review and evaluate the Lockheed report without delay to determine if we agree in substance with the seven items covered in [redacted] or if we have supplemental matters we would like to have attended to.

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4. Since the [redacted] message talks about a deadline of two weeks from date, i.e., 22 August, I would like to ask that we reach at least a preliminary position on this topic, hopefully by the close of business Friday, if this is at all possible. We are planning a comprehensive status report briefing for Dr. Scoville the afternoon of 31 August, which should provide an opportunity for an oral presentation on this matter if time does not permit a written commentary. I would appreciate having your views on this topic prior to a general discussion with Dr. Scoville on the thirty-first, however.

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